

Delivering for Our Community

First and foremost, Chrissy's priority is always using her voice and vote to help our community. Throughout her time in Congress, when constituents have brought us ideas or problems, Chrissy has led the charge to help.

- **Improving Accessibility and Transparency:** Chrissy committed to holding one town hall per month, and she has done so. She hosted more in-person and virtual town halls than any other member of the PA delegation. These gatherings are an opportunity to hear updates from DC but also to hear feedback and ideas from our community. In recognition of her efforts, the Congressional Management Foundation [awarded Chrissy](#) the **Democracy Award for Transparency and Accountability**, a first for any freshman member of Congress.
- **Helping Constituents:** One of our core functions is helping constituents navigate the oftentimes complicated landscape of Federal government benefits, contracts, permits, etc. Chrissy's entire district staff is focused on delivering results for people who contact us asking for help: as of October 2020, we have closed nearly 1700 cases and delivered more than \$4.2 million back to our community.
- **Securing Federal Funding:** Our team has worked with many local companies and organizations to help them compete for Federal grants and contracts. As of October 2020, our efforts have helped secure more than \$16 million in Federal grant awards to local organizations.
- **Fighting for Jobs at Sikorsky:** When Sikorsky announced their plans to close the facility in Coatesville that manufactures the Presidential helicopter, Chrissy sprang to action. She immediately engaged the company's leadership to fight for the workforce and keep these jobs in our community. She authored legislation to hold back funding from the program until the Navy could explain to Congress the impact of the potential plant closure on our national security. Ultimately, Sikorsky decided to keep the plant open and Chrissy continues to fight alongside Pennsylvania's Senators and the Administration to keep this facility open long term.
- **Combating the Lanternfly Epidemic:** After learning that the spread of lanternflies, an invasive species from China, was affecting our local agricultural community, as well as hurting tourism revenues, Chrissy led a bipartisan call for robust funding to combat this pest. Working with Rep. GT Thompson and leaders from Penn State's Berks campus, Chrissy called on USDA to increase funding for research and education efforts and was

successful in securing additional funding in the 2020 House appropriations bill.

- **Building Our Agricultural Workforce:** Early in her tenure, Chrissy heard from employers in our community about the challenges of recruiting and retaining workers in our year-round agricultural industries, like dairy and mushroom production. She hosted USDA Secretary Perdue in the district for a discussion about this problem, and wrote to immigration policy leaders on the House Judiciary Committee to call for legislation. As a result, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act includes special visas for year-round agriculture, and that bill passed the House with strong bipartisan support in December 2019.
- **Increasing Voter Participation:** Continuing her commitment to secure and safe elections, Chrissy conducted a series of 8 telephone and video townhalls over a period of 7 weeks. The series, Voting Safely in 2020, featured guests such as PA Sec. Of State Kathy Boockvar and PA AG Josh Shapiro, who answered questions of logistics and voting process. Reading Mayor Eddie Moran addressed questions in Spanish and a Zoom town hall featured first time voters and college students from Lincoln University and West Chester University.
- **Developing Business Opportunity:** Small business owners are the backbone of our economy. Recognizing the need to connect her community to available resources, Chrissy hosted webinars in Coatesville and Reading to provide entrepreneurs and business start-ups with resources in English and Spanish from the SBA and SCORE. Both cities in PA-06 are federally recognized Opportunity Zones.

Reaching Across the Aisle

Pennsylvania's 6th district is a "purple place," and Chrissy is working hard to build relationships with colleagues from across the political spectrum to deliver for our community. In a moment of extreme partisan politics, Chrissy is a leading voice in promoting civility and decency in our political discourse.

- Nearly 78% of the more than 900 [votes](#) Chrissy has taken in the past two years have been bipartisan.
- A majority of the bills that Chrissy has introduced have support from Republicans, including the [Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act](#), a bill that has more than 125 cosponsors, 2/3 of whom are Republicans.
- Chrissy is a founding leader of the [For Country Caucus](#), a bipartisan group of military Veterans now serving in Congress who are promoting public and

national service as a career path. This group's ethos is rooted in integrity, civility and courage.

- As part of her effort to empower women and girls, Chrissy founded two new groups: the Servicewomen and Women Veterans Caucus and the Women in STEM Caucus. Both groups have attracted substantial bipartisan support and become platforms for likeminded members to work on these issues.
- Chrissy worked with Representative Jack Bergman to introduce the [IMPROVE Act](#), a bill that would direct funds to community organizations that can help reach Veterans who might be in mental health crisis. This legislation became law on October 17, 2020 (Section 201 of [PL 116-171](#)).

Responding to and Recovering from COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every facet of American lives, from our health to our finances to our children's education. From the beginning of the pandemic, Chrissy and her team have worked hard to turn feedback from our community into action that can help us weather the pandemic and set the foundation for a strong recovery. You can read more about her work [here](#).

- **Dedicated Expert Teams:** For the first six months of the pandemic, Chrissy's team re-tooled to create dedicated teams with expertise on issues facing our small businesses, people who were unemployed, and those that were struggling to get their stimulus payments from the IRS. These teams provided rapid response capabilities for thousands of constituents who reached out to our office looking for assistance.
- **Small Business Relief:** As a former entrepreneur, Chrissy knew how essential swift support for our small businesses would be as they navigated the early days of this crisis. Chrissy led the Pennsylvania delegation in a bipartisan effort to secure approval from the Small Business Administration to begin sending emergency relief to small businesses; the emergency declaration was approved just days after her letter. She also authored the **Easing Disruption for America's Small Contractor Act of 2020**, a bill that would help small business Federal contractors weather the crisis.

Based on feedback from constituents, Chrissy has advocated for improvements to the Paycheck Protection Program, such as extending its duration, increasing flexibility in how it can be used, and ensuring that small lenders and minority-owned businesses can participate. She introduced the [Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act](#), a bipartisan bill that would streamline the process for small business owners to get their

loans of \$150,000 or less forgiven. This legislation passed the House as part of the Heroes 2.0 legislative package.

In addition to establishing a dedicated team to work with small business owners, Chrissy worked with the Small Business Administration, the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry, and other stakeholders to hold multiple virtual town halls to answer small business owners' questions.

- **Pushing for a National Health Strategy:** Early in the pandemic, Chrissy prioritized ensuring that our community has the resources we need to mitigate the spread of the virus, increase testing capacity, and handle positive cases. Chrissy led a bipartisan [letter](#) to support a national testing strategy. She helped introduce legislation to overhaul the way the Defense Production Act is used to stimulate the supply chain of essential medical supplies and recently led the Pennsylvania Democrats to ensure that testing supplies are not diverted from the Commonwealth.

She also [introduced](#) the bipartisan **National Public Health Corps Act of 2020**, which would create a new program under Americorps to use national service volunteers to provide surge staffing capacity to communities in a public health crisis.

- **Support for State and Local Governments:** State and local governments have stepped up to fill the gaps created by the lack of leadership from the Administration. Chrissy has advocated for greater flexibility for state and local governments to use Federal funds to offset lost revenues and helped [introduce](#) the **Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Flexibility Act** to ensure funds could be used into 2021.

Leading on National Issues

Many of the issues dominating the national policy conversation are also priorities here in our district. Chrissy has focused much of her legislative efforts on what she calls the “No Duh” Agenda. This includes making health care more affordable and accessible to our community, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, improving the quality of our students’ education, protecting our planet, pushing for universal background checks to combat the gun violence across our Commonwealth and country, and raising wages for working Americans.

- **Paid Parental Leave:** Like every working parent, Chrissy has struggled with how to balance raising her girls with a successful career. One of the

main challenges of any working parent is getting time off to bond with their child after he or she is born or adopted. Chrissy was a driving force behind the effort to [enact historic legislation](#) in December 2019 to provide 12 weeks of paid parental leave for most Federal workers for the first time, setting the pace for other American employers to do the same.

- **Small Businesses:** As an entrepreneur who started and scaled organizations throughout her career, Chrissy is attuned to the challenges facing a small business owner and is working to ensure they have every opportunity for success. For example, after hearing from small businesses struggling with the impact of COVID-19, Chrissy created a “rapid response” team comprised of staff with expertise on resources available to small businesses. She introduced bipartisan legislation to make it easier for small businesses to get loan forgiveness for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans under \$150,000.

Chrissy also introduced bipartisan legislation requiring the Federal government to pay small business contractors faster, knowing that oftentimes slow cash flow can hinder growth. She also authored the **Small Business Acquisition Transparency Act of 2019**, which was enacted into law in December 2019. Previously, small businesses would compete for Federal contracts and have no feedback or ways to improve if they lost the bid. This law now requires the Federal government to explain to small business contractors why they did not successfully win a contract, so that they can improve their bids next time.

- **Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs:** Across our community, Pennsylvanians are struggling with the high cost of prescription drugs, and many are making tough choices between taking their medicines and paying other bills. Chrissy is committed to lowering the cost of prescription drugs and increasing transparency for consumers. She delivered on this promise in December 2019 by voting for **H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act**, which passed the House on a bipartisan basis. H.R. 3 made historic reforms including capping out-of-pocket costs for seniors, allowing HHS to negotiate directly with drug companies to lower costs, and investing hundreds of millions in research and innovation for new cures, among other things. You can find Chrissy’s detailed statement on H.R. 3 [here](#). She has also cosponsored legislation to promote access to generics ([H.R. 987](#), H.R. 1499, and HR 965) and to increase transparency ([H.R. 2069](#), [H.R. 2113](#)).
- **Climate Change:** Chrissy believes that climate change is a real and present danger to our planet. She was proud to be part of the effort to secure House

passage of the **Climate Action Now Act** and authored a successful amendment to ensure that the U.S. is using its diplomatic tools to encourage other countries to meet their climate goals under the Paris Accord. She has authored legislation to combat the threat of PFAS contamination in our drinking water, including two amendments to the annual defense bill that would fund a health study and improve coordination of research on cleaning up and replacing these chemicals. Chrissy believes we must work towards a goal of 100% net zero carbon emissions by 2050, as envisioned in the Climate Solutions Act, and she has championed investments in research that could make nuclear energy a safer and more cost-effective option.

- **Gun Safety:** There are commonsense gun safety reforms that can be made right now to keep our communities safer, and Chrissy has supported legislation in the House that has stalled in the Senate. She is a cosponsor of the **Bipartisan Background Checks Act** and the Assault Weapons Ban Act, as well as legislation to expand resources for victims of gun violence.
- **Jobs and Wages:** Although our economy is strong and unemployment in our community is low, there are still too many Pennsylvanians struggling to pay their bills on stagnant wages. Chrissy supports the Raise the Wage Act, a bill to increase the Federal minimum wage to \$15/hour. Also, she is troubled that women, and especially women of color, are underpaid relative to their male and white counterparts for the same work. She was a cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which passed the House in 2019, to remedy that and require equal pay for equal work.
- **Quality Education:** Chrissy believes that a quality early childhood education - especially investing in basic literacy and numeracy - is the foundation on which further educational and professional success is built. After teaching 11th grade chemistry in an underserved area of Philadelphia, Chrissy was struck by the idea that “you can’t be what you can’t see.” She was a leader in introducing the **Teacher Diversity and Retention Act**, which aims to strengthen and expand the recruitment, training, and retention of diverse candidates into the teaching professions. She has also supported legislation to provide a more than \$100 billion investment rebuild our nation’s school infrastructure.
- **Addressing the Opioid Crisis:** Chester and Berks counties have suffered too many deaths by overdose due to the nationwide opioid epidemic. Thankfully, deaths due to overdose in our community have declined over the past two years. However, more work remains to be done. Chrissy and Attorney General Josh Shapiro convened a discussion among those on the front lines of this crisis in Reading. Chrissy also [announced](#) her support for two bills to help states like Pennsylvania which are struggling with this

problem: the Opioid Workforce Act and the State Opioid Response Grant Act.

- **Equity and Equality:** Chrissy has been committed to ensuring equality for every Pennsylvanian, regardless of gender identity, race, ethnicity, background, sexual orientation, etc. In Congress, she has helped pass historic bills like the Equality Act to ensure all LGBTQ Americans are guaranteed the full protections of federal civil right laws and will extend anti-discrimination protections to LGBTQ Americans with regard to employment, education, access to credit, jury service, federal funding, housing, and public accommodation; and the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to address the systemic racism and build a more equitable justice system for Black Americans. The road to equality is long, but Chrissy is committed to actively pursuing policies that address and remedy systemic inequality across our Commonwealth and country.

Supporting our Warfighters and Strengthening our National Security

As a third generation military Veteran with experience doing business on a global scale, Chrissy believes in supporting our military, Veterans, and their families, as well as fighting for robust U.S. diplomatic leadership in the international community to protect our national security interests.

- Chrissy founded first bipartisan Congressional group, the **Servicewomen and Women Veterans Caucus**, to support women during and after their military service. She wrote the **Servicewomen's Health Transition Training Act of 2019**, which was signed into law in 2019, ensuring women servicemembers have access to assistance in transitioning from the military into Veterans status that is geared towards their specific needs.
- After learning that women with military health insurance (TRICARE) did not have access to the gold standard of mammography and breast cancer screening, Chrissy led a bipartisan effort to get DOD to change its policy. **DOD is now provisionally covering 3D mammography**, and Chrissy's **BRST Act**, which would make that permanent, was included in the FY21 defense bill.
- Chrissy [worked across the aisle](#) with Republican and former Marine Corps General, Representative Jack Bergman, on the bipartisan **IMPROVE Act**, which would direct grant funds to community organizations helping Veterans dealing with mental health challenges. This bill garnered support from more than half of the House of Representatives before it was signed

into law in October 2020 as part of a package of Veterans mental health care bills.

- As a STEM professional herself, Chrissy is concerned about building the pipeline of tech talent to support our national defense. She led the charge to improve the Defense Department's recruitment and retention of tech talent, a skillset we need to address emerging threats like cybersecurity, through the bipartisan **Armed Forces Digital Advantage Act**. She partnered with Representative Mark Meadows (R-NC) on this legislation, which was enacted into law in 2019.
- Chrissy wrote the bipartisan **Securing Americas Rare Earths Supply Act of 2019**, which was signed into law in December 2019, requiring the Defense Department to address our overreliance on China for rare earth materials, which are in everything from weapons systems to cell phones.
- Through the FY21 defense bill, Chrissy was instrumental in pushing DOD to change the way it calculates financial support for military families living in high cost of living areas that need to pay for childcare off base. This legislation was incorporated into the final defense bill.
- Following the nationwide protests in the summer of 2020 and the President's threat to invoke the **Insurrection Act**, Chrissy was concerned about reports of unidentifiable individuals in military-like uniforms and insignia. In order to help distinguish between military, police and civilians in a time of crisis, Chrissy offered a bipartisan amendment to the FY21 defense bill that would require that any individual deployed to respond to a civil disturbance be clearly, visibly identified by agency and name. This language was incorporated into the final defense bill.

Legislation Chrissy Has Introduced

- [H.R.8220](#) — **Global Learning Loss Assessment Act of 2020**. This bipartisan, bicameral bill [would require](#) the State Department and USAID to assess the impact of COVID-19 on learning loss due to school closures and identifying gaps in distance learning options for students. The bill also requires specific reporting on the learning losses for marginalized populations, like girls. The bill currently awaits action in the House.
- [H.R. 7931](#) — **PFAS Interagency Research Coordination Strategy Act**. This bipartisan bill responds to the PFAS crisis affecting many communities' drinking water by requiring all Federal agencies to coordinate their research activities to ensure the best use of taxpayer dollars to clean up

and replace these harmful chemicals that are found in our water sources. This bill passed the House as part of the FY21 defense bill.

- [H.R.7777](#) — **Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act.** This bipartisan, bicameral bill would streamline the process for small businesses to get forgiveness for their Paycheck Protection Program loans under \$150,000. A version of this bill passed the House as part of Heroes 2.0, the COVID-19 relief package.
- [H.R.7705](#) — **River Basin Commission Transfer Act.** River Basin Commissions are responsible for leading the coordination of conservation and development of river resources across state lines, and they are funded through state and Federal government monies. In our region, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and Delaware River Basin Commission look after our waterways. This bipartisan legislation would transfer Federal responsibility for the Commissions from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Environmental Protection Agency, in an effort to ensure that Federal funding contributions to the Commissions' operations are made. This bill awaits action in the House.
- [H.R.7403](#) — **Protecting Small Business Contracting Opportunities Act of 2020.** This bipartisan bill would help small business contractors better compete for lucrative Federal contracts and requires the Small Business Administration to develop a strategy for ensuring that small businesses owned by socially or economically disadvantaged individuals, women, or Veterans or those located in historically underutilized business zones (HUBZones), are competitive for these contracts. Passed the House as part of the FY21 defense bill.
- [H.R.6822](#) — **National Public Health Corps Act of 2020.** This bipartisan bill would create a new program under the umbrella of AmeriCorps to use national service volunteers to provide surge capacity for communities during a public health crisis like COVID-19. It awaits action in the House.
- [H.R.6583](#) — **To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a risk corridor program for Medicare Advantage plans during the COVID-19 emergency.** This bill would help ensure that older Americans who have Medicare Advantage plans don't see healthcare price increases due to COVID-19. Passed the House as part of the Heroes Act.
- [H.R.6388](#) — **Space Technology Advancement Report (STAR) Act of 2020.** This bipartisan bill requires the National Space Council to annually report on the ability of U.S to compete with foreign space programs,

especially China, and calls on the President to develop a strategy to remain a leader in space technology and economy. It passed the House in July 2020 as part of the FY21 NDAA.

- [H.R.6307](#) — **Easing Disruption for America's Small Contractor Act of 2020**. This legislation aims to help small business contractors adversely impacted by COVID-19 by giving them additional flexibility to meet their contract obligations.
- [H.R.6051](#) — **READ Act**. As a former educator, Chrissy has emphasized the importance of foundational literacy and numeracy as the building blocks for education. This bipartisan bill would create a Federal grant program to encourage states to adopt best practices for reading instruction, particularly for students with learning disabilities. This bill awaits action in the House.
- [H.R.5353](#) — **Armed Forces Digital Advantage Act**. As our military works to meet emerging threats and adopt new technologies, we also need to build the workforce to support the future of national security. Chrissy introduced this bipartisan, bicameral bill that would require DOD and each of the military services to create a strategy for the recruitment, retention, and promotion of tech talent in the Armed Forces and would establish a senior position at DOD to oversee this strategy. This bill was enacted into law in December 2018 as part of the FY20 defense bill.
- [H.R.5238](#) — **BRST Act**. This bipartisan, bicameral bill would require the military health insurance, TRICARE, to cover the gold standard of breast cancer screening, 3D mammography or DBT, for women in the military. Thanks to Chrissy's advocacy, the DOD is already temporarily covering this service; this bill would make it permanent. This bill passed the House as part of the FY21 defense bill.
- [H.R.4722](#) — **Support UNFPA Funding Act**. This legislation would restore the U.S. contribution to the United Nations Population Fund, the international organization that is responsible for policy and programming related to women's reproductive health and gender-based violence.
- [H.R.4114](#) — **Stop Supporting Foreign Interference in Our Democracy Act**. This bill would help crack down on foreign interference in our elections by codifying the prohibition on any U.S. person aiding a foreign entity in making an illegal contribution to a U.S. political campaign.
- [H.R.3839](#) — **Research Advancing to Market Production (RAMP) for Innovators Act**. This bipartisan, bicameral bill would help ensure that

entrepreneurs who receive Federal government support through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs are able to bring their ideas to market. It provides additional funding and support for commercialization throughout the SBIR/STTR process.

- [H.R.3769](#)— **STEM Diplomacy Act**. Under current regulations, only individuals with certain types of degrees (mainly Bachelors degrees in history, political science, etc) are able to compete for policy positions at the State Department. This bill would allow STEM professionals to compete, ensuring we have a more diverse pool of applicants working on things like cybersecurity and climate change within our State Department. This bill passed the House as part of the 2019 State Department Authorization.
- [H.R.3639](#) — **Standardizing State Department Parental Leave Act**. This legislation would require the State Department to create standard policies for parental leave across all offices. This bill passed the House as part of the 2019 State Department Authorization.
- [H.R.3638](#) — **Small Business Acquisition Transparency Act of 2019**. This bipartisan bill would require that Federal agencies provide unsuccessful bidders on Federal contracts with explanations for why they did not win the contract. This will help small businesses, which spend a lot of time and resources applying for contracts, be more successful competing in the future. This bill was enacted into law in December 2019 as part of the FY20 defense bill.
- [H.R.3567](#) — **Securing Americas Rare Earths Supply Act of 2019**. Rare earths are in many of the aspects of modern life – both military technology as well as computers and cell phones. However, China controls the majority of the global production of rare earth materials. This bipartisan bill would require the Department of Defense to develop a strategy for securing the supply chain of rare earth materials. It was enacted into law in December 2019 as part of the FY20 defense bill.
- [H.R.2941](#) — **Servicewomen's Health Transition Training Act of 2019**. This bipartisan bill would require that every military service develop a specific transition assistance program for women leaving the military to help them prepare for civilian life and to increase familiarity with VA programs. It was enacted into law in December 2019 as part of the FY20 defense bill.
- [H.R.834](#) — **The Shutdown to End All Shutdowns**. Chrissy was sworn in during the longest government shutdown in history, which was a result of

failure of Congressional and White House leadership to reach a funding agreement. This bill would prevent government shutdowns and penalize senior leaders in both the Executive and Legislative Branches with docked pay and travel bans in the event of a future failure to reach a budget agreement.

- [H.Res.623](#) — **Recognizing and honoring National Mushroom Day and the contributions of Chester and Berks Counties to the national mushroom industry.**